

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 34 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 15, 31 and 34 have been amended. Claim 1 has been amended to cure an informality. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present application was discussed at an applicant-initiated interview with the Examiner on March 21, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to the interview, and the present amendments reflect the amendments discussed at the interview.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 – 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Amro, *et al.*, U. S. Patent No. 5,680,561 (“Amro”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Amro does not disclose each and every limitation recited in independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34, as amended. Specifically, Amro does not disclose a preview that “includes actual content from said item that would be displayed in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed” as required by the amended independent claims.

Amro discloses a graphical user interface (GUI) for allowing a user to locate specific pages within a compound document. When in “the search mode,” the GUI displays a “mini window,” which presents an outline “of the compound document’s page corresponding to the position of elevator 310 within scroll bar 320.” Amro, col. 3, ll. 25 – 28. Using the outlines presented in the mini window, a user may locate a desired page of the compound document.

Amro generates an outline for each document page and stores these outlines in a database. In response to a user opening a document, the GUI loads every document page into RAM memory and scans the pages for layout information (*i.e.*, the types of content on a page

and its layout). Amro, col. 3, ll. 60 – 65. Using this layout information, the GUI creates an outline for each page and stores these outlines in a database table. Amro, col. 4, ll. 6 – 8.

It is important to note that the outlines of Amro do not include content from the compound document. Rather, the outlines indicate the layout and types of content on a page-- an outline “includes boxes having various symbols therein to indicate the portion of the corresponding page having text, a picture object, spreadsheet object, and so on.” Amro, col. 3, ll. 29 – 32. As an example, “if the top 30% of a page contains text, then the top 30% of the mini window will contain a box having lines therein.” Amro, col. 3, ll. 34 – 36. Figure 5 provides an exemplary outline for a page. The box 510 is a symbol indicating that text is present within that portion of the corresponding page, while the empty space within the box 520 indicates that a picture object is present within that portion of the corresponding page. Amro, col. 3, ll. 43 – 48. As demonstrated by Figure 5, the outline includes *only symbols*, not the actual content of the compound document.

In contrast, each of the independent claims, as amended, requires a preview that “includes actual content from said item that would be displayed in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed.” Amro does not teach this element- the outlines taught by Amro do not include *actual content* from the item. The outlines only include *symbols* that will never be presented in the primarily display area. Because the outlines of Amro represent a page with symbols that would never be presented in the primary display area, Amro does not teach a preview that “includes actual content from said item that would be displayed in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed,” as required by

independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34.¹ Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 15, 31 and 34 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants also submit that dependent claims 2 - 14, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Further, Applicants submit that dependent claims 16 - 30, which depend from claim 15, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 15. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 32 and 33, which depend from claim 31, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 31.

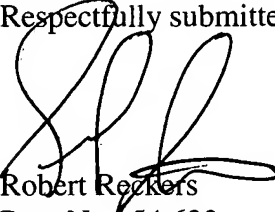
¹ During the afore mentioned applicant-initiated interview, the Examiner suggested that Applicants point out examples from the present specification in which the preview display includes *actual content* from said item “that would be displayed in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed.” In compliance with this request, Applicants have located numerous examples where the specification discloses a preview display that includes *actual* content from an item.

The specification teaches using “the actual underlying file data” of an item in a manner similar to that of an application opening the item. Specification, para. 50. For example, the preview display may be accomplished by “rendering the document in place at a lower zoom factor” to fit in the space provided for the preview display. Specification, para. 44 and 50. As another example from the specification, Paragraph 43 notes that, similar to opening a word processing document, the preview display will display a portion of the document. In addition, the specification discloses an embodiment that utilizes “a more sophisticated content selection algorithm” that selects actual text from different portions of a document “to provide the most useful preview display.” Specification, para. 45.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, claims 1 – 34 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain which would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

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